

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

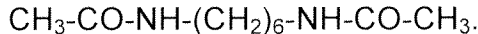
Please amend the as-filed specification as follows:

Page 18, please replace the first full paragraph at lines 3-10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Two further comparative composition have been prepared by mixing and granulating as above the initial VA-VAc copolymer composition, but adding to the VA-VAc copolymer and plasticizer:

- 0.1 phr of Irganox 245; or
- 0.1 phr of Irganox 245 and 0.32 phr of EMBACHMBA (corresponding to 1,57 mmols per 100 g of VA-VAc copolymer);

where EMBACHMBA is the acronym indicating hexamethylenbisacetamide:



Page 18, please replace the paragraph at lines 11-21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The six compositions are identified as follows:

Composition	Additive
1	Irganox 1098
2*	Irganox 245 (0.1 phr)
3*	Irganox 245
4*	Irganox 259
5*	Irganox 1010
6*	<u>EMBACHMBA</u> + Irganox 245

*comparative

The composition have been prepared feeding a blend with a gravimetric feeder comprising 100 parts of Mowlol 26/88 and the additive into a 30 mm co-rotating twin screw extruder (35 L/D long, vent at the 25 diameter position) and injecting 25 parts of glycerol at the 8 diameter position. Operating conditions were as follows:

- screw speed: 100 rpm
- production rate: 10 kg/h
- melt temperature (at the exit from the extruder: 200°C.
- specific energy input: 0.13 KW h/kg